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For: PRIVATE AND SECURE OPTICAL  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM USING AN  
OPTICAL TAPPED DELAY LINE

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Examiner: Eleni A. Shiferaw

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 20, 2009 (Paper No. 20090518). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.